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WEBSTER TO CONVENTION

Leaves for Chicago to Attend National Republican Convention

Mr. G. H. Webster, Jr., the manager of the McCormick ranch, left last Friday morning for Chicago, where he will attend the National Republican Convention to convene in the Windy City, as a delegate from the Territory of New Mexico.

Mr. Webster is one of the most prominent members of the Republican party in Colfax county, and was a delegate from precinct No. 3 to the county convention at Raton. He was elected delegate to the Territorial Convention held at Silver City, and was there chosen as one of New Mexico's delegates to the National Convention.

Mr. Webster states that he will make a short visit with his people while in Chicago, and then will go direct to Silver City, N. M., where he has some cattle that need his attention for a few days. From Silver City he will return to Cimarron as soon as his business affairs in the southern part of the Territory can be adjusted.

MRS. ENGLAND IN CIMARRON.

Mrs. H. P. England, accompanied by her two little daughters arrived in Cimarron last week from San Antonio, Tex., and is now visiting at the Chas. Springer home north of town.

Mrs. England plans to spend the summer visiting with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Springer, and with her father Mr. M. M. Chase at his ranch out on the Pond.

ELIZABETHTOWN ITEMS

Special Correspondence.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kuntzman and child of Shelby, Neb., who have been visiting Mrs. Kuntzman's sister, Mrs. H. A. Funke, for the past two weeks, returned to their home. Dr. Vance, who is associated with S. Locke, D. D. S., of Springer, is here for the week on business.

The work at the Baldy deep tunnel is suspended temporarily. Mr. B. Biddle, the electrician, has taken advantage of the shut down and will visit his parents at Abbeville, Ohio. Mr. Crawford, of the company, has returned to his headquarters at Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mr. Miles Boyer of Taos, N. M., is visiting in the valley.

Miss Belle Cartwright of Cimarron is visiting with friends who gave her a hearty welcome to her old home.

W. H. Hawk, who is interested in Red River mining property, was in town this week.

E. A. Guntley, mining engineer and assayer for the Maxwell Land Grant returned from Raton and Cimarron where he has been attending to business.

Mr. George Paxton, of Red River, who has been in Raton on business returned Wednesday and is making active preparations for the starting of his important projects near Red River. Mr. Compton and daughter arrived Wednesday on their way to Red River. Mr. Compton is interested in the tunnel project in this mining district which bids fair to attract much attention in the near future.

Mr. Wm. Real and Mr. Rand of the Baldy district, went to Raton Tuesday in the interest of school affairs.

Mr. H. A. Funke is preparing for an addition to his house on Justice hill.

Last Monday an accident occurred at the Pratt mill. A lathe bolt broke and flying off, hit C. H. Haggis, one of the mill men, knocking him senseless but not speechless. Mr. Haggis says that owing to his superb physique he escaped death although by a very narrow margin.

WAS BADLY BEATEN BY LONE ROBBER

Chicago, June 15.—James Tescheakonius, 21 years old, of Los Angeles, Cal., was beaten into unconsciousness and robbed of \$85 in a hotel here yesterday by a man named Miller, whom he had met on a train coming to Chicago. He was taken to the Passavant hospital, suffering from two scalp wounds. He told the police that he was on his way to New York and that Miller had offered to show him about the city.

WILL HOLD MEETINGS

Rev. J. Alfred Morgan Will Preach at Pratt's Mill

Rev. J. Alfred Morgan, the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here in Cimarron has made arrangements to hold religious meetings twice each month at Pratt's Mill out in the Metcalf Canon. On the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, Rev. Morgan will hold evening services and give an address for the benefit of the surrounding camps, and it is to be hoped that a great deal of good will come from these meetings. Rev. Morgan is an earnest talker, a deep thinker and a conscientious man, aside from being a hard worker, and the Metcalf Canon country is overjoyed at the prospect of receiving the benefits of these meetings.

MURDER MYSTERY

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June 16.—Coroner John Guilfoil returned last night from the southern part of the county, where he was called to investigate the mysterious murder of a man whose body was found on the Chero road east of Trincheria Saturday morning. The remains were found to be those of Crujillo Martinez, a Mexican sheep raiser of Troy. He was shot in the back and death must have been instantaneous. Thirty dollars, which the murdered man is said to have had upon his person, is missing, though robbery is not believed to have been the principal motive. The whole affair is shrouded in mystery and the authorities are at a loss for a solution of the affair.

According to such testimony as was secured, Martinez, with a party of Mexicans, reached Trincheria Friday to buy supplies. Martinez was driving in a separate rig and all left Trincheria Friday night. It appears that the others stopped on the way home at a saloon on the Gray creek road and that Martinez drove on alone.

According to the stories of those in the second wagon, they camped for the night at Frijole creek and on Saturday morning they passed a point on the San Francisco, where Martinez had camped. A short distance farther on they found the dead body in the road, with his team and wagon near. The brakes of the wagon were set and everything indicated that the man was shot from ambush. The body was buried at Trincheria and no autopsy has been

ARE BUILDING STORE HOUSE.

The Crocker Mercantile Co., in addition to the big store that it has just moved into, is now erecting a small store room off to the rear of the main building. This room will be used for the purpose of storing goods in for keeping until they are needed in the main store building for display or sale.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Woman's Home Missionary Society Elects Its Officers

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church held its regular election of officers at its last regular meeting, and the following ladies are now holding office:

President, Mrs. Chesworth. Secretary, Mrs. Scott. Treasurer, Mrs. Chandler, reelected. The present membership of the society is twenty, two only of these being taken in at the last meeting. The ladies of the society act as a sort of pastor's aid in visiting the sick, giving aid to the needy, etc., and their influence for good has been felt in nearly every quarter of the city.

The next meeting of the society will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. W. Barlow on Seventh street.

BUILDERS VISIT SITE

Look Over Big Reservoir Site in Cimarron Canon

Last week representatives of the big contracting firm of Lantry & Co., of Kansas City, Mo., visited Cimarron, and in company with E. H. Fisher of the Townsite force, visited the site of the big dam and reservoir at the head of the Cimarron canon.

Lantry & Co. are among the largest contracting firms in the west, and their representatives visited the site of the big, hundred-foot high dam, with a view of making rough estimates on the work required to complete the reservoir preparatory to bidding on the work. The immense project will make a reservoir of hundreds of acres of land in the Mareno Valley and will place thousands of acres of land under irrigation. In fact it is one of the largest irrigation schemes in the southwest, and as soon as the present financial conditions are overcome, work on the dam and ditches will be begun and pushed through without delay.

18 INNINGS; SCORE, 5-4

Glenwood Springs, June 16.—After eighteen innings of play, the local baseball team defeated the Cripple Creek team here this afternoon by a score of 5 to 4. Toner, in the box for Cripple, and Willett, pitching for Glenwood, engaged in a pitchers' battle, the hardest ever seen on the western slope. For ten innings both pitched matchless ball, neither scoring. At last in the eighteenth the locals secured the much-needed run. Glenwood scored two runs in the fourth, one in the seventh, one in the eighth and three in the ninth. Nine hits and five errors were credited to the locals and seven hits and twelve errors are accorded the visitors.

H. K. Grubbs and Wm. Bowers were over Sunday visitors at the Pratt mill up in Metcalf canon.

James Leach, who has been in Raton under confinement, has been released and is now back in Cimarron.

BURNS DEFEATED BILL SQUIRES AGAIN

Paris, June 15.—Tommy Burns, the American pugilist, defeated Bill Squires, the Australian, in the eighth round of a hard-fought battle at Neuilly. Squires had Burns in a rather bad way during the first five rounds, but the American's greater staying powers and superior ring generalship enabled him to win. A stomach blow in the eighth round sent Squires down for the count. A large crowd witnessed the fight.

LIGHT IS AGAIN SEEN

Growing Mystery Seen Again--Signal Sent to Someone

The strangely mysterious light that has been seen time and again on the mountain side west of Cimarron has again made its appearance, and the weirdness and mystery of the thing is growing deeper rather than clearer.

It will be remembered that on the night of the French robbery, a strong light was seen high up on the mountain side. A light that no one could explain. Surmise was rife, investigation showed nothing but a lantern hanging on a limb. As soon as the lantern was taken away, another was put up, but there was no sign of human agency, no tracks, no camp. It was supposed that the light was placed by accomplices for the guidance of the robbers, but it has appeared on the mountain side frequently since that memorable night.

Last Sunday night about nine o'clock it again appeared, but this time it was not stationary. It was moving, and it seemed that some sort of signal or message was being sent to some one. It was slowly moved in large circles for a few moments, and then it remained still. After a short interval it was again moved in circles, and then it was taken off up the mountain side for a little distance where it was finally extinguished.

What is the light? What is its purpose? Who places it there and to whom does it send a message? These are questions that the Citizen fails to find an answer for. It is in the dark as much as any one else. The mystery is engrossing, absorbing and continues to grow deeper. Is it possible that the light can have any connection with the robbery? It seems hardly probable. The most plausible explanation is that some practical joker is having fun at the expense of Cimarron. If so, he is certainly going to a great amount of trouble to have his fun. It is a long distance up to the top of the mountain, and no pleasure jaunt in the darkness of night. If a practical joker is having his fun, then he earns it and there can be no mistake about that. But be that as it may, the light still remains a mystery, and no one has as yet been able to find the man or men who put it there.

MRS. SAVAGE HAS LEFT.

Mrs. D. M. Savage, who was well known and highly respected by all Cimarron, has left for Denver, where she expects to make her future home. Mrs. Savage has for the past few months been in charge of the popular Swastika Hotel, and it was owing to her competent management that Cimarron has gained the reputation of having the best hotel of any town in the southwest of its size.

The many friends of Mrs. Savage regret exceedingly that business interests compel her to leave Cimarron, but are rejoice to learn that she expects to visit here often. She states that she will always be interested in Cimarron and its growth, and will never forget her many friends here.

WORK UTE PARK ROAD

County Commissioner Burch at Work on Ute Park Road

The road between here and Ute Park has been in a bad condition for some little time, both because of the nature of the country through which it passes, and because of the fact that enough money and work has not been expended upon it.

Last Friday a force of men and teams went through Cimarron on its way to Ute Park, and last Saturday morning, Ed. Burch, one of the commissioners of Colfax county took the stage west to join his men. Mr. Burch will personally superintend the rebuilding and repairing of the road between here and Ute Park, and expects to stay on the job until it is completed, or until the money runs out. It is thought that there are sufficient funds on hand to put this important road in a very fine condition, and because of his past experience in road building, Mr. Burch is the man to do the job.

WILL HOLD CELEBRATION

JUNE 28 BIG DAY AT PRATT'S MILL--BALL GAME, HORSE RACES--LOG LOADING CONTEST.

Sunday, June 28, promises to be a big day at the Pratt mill in Metcalf canon. The mill has been the scene of a great many large days, but if the plans now under way are carried forward to completion, the 28th will eclipse them all in magnitude and in real live fun. The boys at the mill are planning for a sort of Fourth of July celebration--ball games, horse races, foot races, wrestling, shooting, jumping, and last but not least, they will have a big log loading contest that will be an eye opener to some one. The boys at the mill never do things by half, and they are in this celebration to make it go clear up to the hilt. Big purses have been offered and if any of the local athletes think they know anything about athletics, they will have a chance to show what they are made of without fear or favor. His Excellency, Le Marshall Von Harris, will be master of ceremonies and speaker pro tem and all the tem.

In the afternoon a big ball game will be played between the Mill Crew Sluggers and the Woods Crew Knockers, and judging from the amount of money that has already been bet on the result of the game, the spectators will see a red hot contest at every stage. Taking it all in all, Sunday, the 28th, will be a red letter and red eye day.

Next Thursday there'll be preaching at the mill.

BASE BALL RESULTS

National League.

At Boston--Boston 4, St. Louis 2.
At Philadelphia--Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1.
At Brooklyn--Brooklyn 1, Pittsburgh 6.

American League.

At St. Louis--St. Louis 1, Boston 5.
At Chicago--Chicago 3, New York 2.
At Cleveland--Cleveland 3, Washington 9.
At Detroit--Detroit 7, Philadelphia 3.

Ben Pooler, well known throughout the county, spent Sunday in Cimarron.

SPECIAL TO RATON.

Last Saturday afternoon the St. L., R. M. & P. ran a special train to Raton to give all those who wished to see Mrs. Fiske a theatrical treat. The special left Cimarron at four o'clock in the afternoon, and reached Raton in time for the theatre goers to have dinner before going to the performance. Quite a small crowd availed itself of the opportunity of seeing one of the greatest artists on the American stage.

NEW BUSINESS IS STARTED

MERCHANTS CLEANING AND PRESSING PARLORS OPENED FOR BUSINESS.

A new business has been opened up here in Cimarron within the past week, and there is every indication that it will be a great success. The business, which is managed by Mr. Moore, is known as the Merchant's Cleaning & Pressing Parlors, and is prepared to do all kinds of pressing and cleaning of every sort of clothes for both men and women. The present location of the parlors is the west half of the new Dancer building, facing north on Tenth street between Washington and Lincoln avenues, a little southwest of the depot. The Citizen wishes the new enterprise every success.

SCHEDULE IS CHANGED

Daily Passenger Service Extended to Ute Park

The daily passenger service on the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway has been extended and again changed. The most notable change made in the service is the running of the regular passenger train through Cimarron on to Ute Park, leaving Cimarron on the western trip at 7:08 and arriving at Ute Park at 7:45. The passenger train and crew will remain at Ute Park over night and start on the back trip the next morning at 7:00, arriving in Cimarron at 7:50 and leaving for Raton and eastern points at 9:25. The west bound train, instead of leaving Raton at 3:50 as it has been doing for the past few weeks, will leave at 3:30, and arrive at Cimarron at 6:35.

Last year the railroad ran a motor car from Cimarron to Ute Park daily, leaving here about seven o'clock in the morning and returning about six o'clock in the evening, but this is the first time in the history of the road that the regular passenger trains have passed through Cimarron and made the run on to Ute Park. The change is probably due to the fact that extensive improvements have been made at Ute Park, with a view of making that beautiful spot a great summer resort.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Wm. Marling and F. H. Alpers drove out to the Pratt mill last Sunday and spent the day.

A. C. Benty, an experienced railroad man, is now the assistant agent of the Rocky Mountain road here in Cimarron.

W. B. Hickman, who for the past few weeks has been assistant agent here in Cimarron, has resigned his well Mercantile force.

The following Cimarronites are among those who took advantage of the special train that went to Raton last Saturday to see Mrs. Fiske: Miss Duck Thatcher, Mrs. J. W. Records, Miss Edith Cartwright, and Messrs. Officer, Sullivan, Brick, Cole and Rogers.